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FORT MYERS MAN SENTENCED TO FIFTY-SEVEN (57) MONTHS FOR FORCED LABOR CRIME

Fort Myers, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge Charlene Honeywell today sentenced Derrick Ned to fifty-seven (57) months in federal prison for Forced Labor charges. The court also ordered Ned to three (3) years of supervised release following his incarceration.

Ned plead guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Forced Labor on July 1, 2010.

According to court documents, Ned was part of a prostitution operation, operating mostly in Lee County. The victims in the case were addicted to drugs, and Ned provided narcotics to the victims and forced them to commit acts of prostitution in order to obtain the drugs. The victims were afraid of physical violence by the defendant. Ned used the internet to arrange for meetings with the victims. Ned took the money the victims received for their services.

This case was investigated by detectives of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Human Trafficking Task Force. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Molloy.